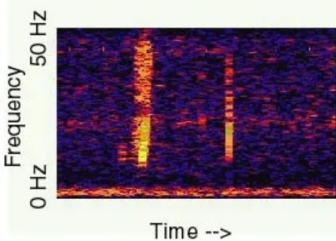


We know what the Bloop is and it's not mermaids

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Are we really doing this again?
Already?

Yes, Animal Planet apparently just re-aired the pair of fake mermaid documentaries. Judging by the search terms coming in, people still have the same questions: **"Is Mermaids: the New Evidence Fake?" – YES; "Is Paul Robertson a real marine biologist – NO**; and finally, a question that is actually interesting, "What is the Bloop?"



This is the Bloop. Courtesy NOAA.

One of the annoying "facts" that is constantly repeated in this documentary is that the Bloop, an ultra low pitched sound recorded in 1997, is massive, weird, and completely unknown. The sound you hear in the fake documentary is sped up 16 times faster than the actual recording. The real sound is much longer and much lower. Unfortunately for the producers of Mermaids: The Body Found and Mermaids: The New Evidence, **we actually do know what the Bloop is and it is not a mermaid.**

The Bloop is an icequake.

Icequakes are caused by massive chunks of glacier or ice shelf calving off into the ocean.

Icequakes are awesome.